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To: . Mrs. Thelma C. Heatwole
From: . T. S. Osdene
Subject: . Danker Patent

Date: February 29, 1968

I am in receipt of your memo of February 14, 1968. The following points you have raised are difficult to answer--here goes anyway:

1. We have no technical documentation to show that the Danker treatment produces a smoke which is harmful due to the compounds used.

To answer this we would presumably have to undertake:
(a) inhalation experiments and (b) skin painting experiments. Both of these are extremely expensive and are, in my opinion, not justified.

2. At the present time no agency or health authority of the U. S. has jurisdiction over what is put on to tobacco. I do not know of FDA approval for the alkali salts mentioned. I assume these are covered by grandfather clauses and are checked only for impurities if used in human ingestion.

In the case of the second part of the application where the material is placed into the filter, it would appear that the questions regarding smoke are irrelevant since the filter materials (the salts) are not heated to any extent and therefore not pyrolyzed. In any event I cannot answer the FDA question in any more satisfactory way than the above.

My own feeling is that unless we can obtain patents without further expense we should consider abandoning them.

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